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	extent to which the Ministry's power program had been fulfilled during the first half of 1955.	25X1

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2. [redacted] the seriousness of the situation with respect to the exchange network (Verbundnetz) where about 300 MW from the current program had still not been supplied to the network. As a result it had been necessary to institute a number of power cutoffs (Abschaltungen) since about 80 million kW had to be saved.

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3. Furthermore [redacted] aggregates delivered by the machine construction 25X1 industry were in many respects damaged and had to be immediately overhauled. The induction coils (Induktoren) in particular had not been manufactured to exact specifications and required extensive repairs. VEB Energiebau itself suffered from organizational shortcomings and did not have an adequate technical force.

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4. By 30 June 1955, only 7,600 of the 16,000 connections (Anschluesse) planned for the year had been installed. In addition, damages (Havarien) had caused a loss of close to 400 MW in power. Since the plan anticipated a loss of only 200 MW, this excess meant that various planned general repairs could not be begun on time. Under the circumstances, only about 85% of the general repairs scheduled for the year would be carried out by the end of 1955.

5. The greater part of the damages [redacted] involved damage to generators, while 63% of the power disruptions involved boiler installations. 25X1

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